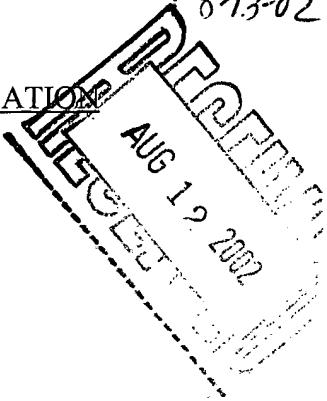




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Scheel, Dick, "Proposal for change to reset notification/acknowledgement procedure in P1394.1 draft 0.02", <URL:<http://grouper.ieee.org/groups/1394/1/Documents/BR002r00.pdf>>, retrieved 2/21/02

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These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated May 14, 2002, is enclosed.

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